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The varsity football team won the NCISAA State Football Championship for the third year in a row, marking the fourth football state title for Charlotte Christian.



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Dear Charlotte Christian Community,

#iamaKNIGHT is a new feature on our website that debuted this fall. This series of short videos highlight what makes Charlotte Christian a special place and features alumni sharing how Charlotte Christian has greatly influenced their lives following graduation. The alumni in the videos include a mom and law clerk whose own children are now enrolled at Charlotte Christian, a professional athlete, a pediatrician, and an actor working in New York City. These former students are using the foundation of a Charlotte Christian education to impact the culture for Christ all across our country.

In a recent edition of a national Christian magazine the following advertisement caught my eye:



The ad is for a new Bible study curriculum that promises to help Christians “live clean in a contaminated world.” I agree with the Bible study author that we do indeed live in a world that is contaminated by evil, the onset of which began with the fall in Genesis 3. My concern with the message presented is that it asks for Christians to be delivered from culture. I do not believe this is our ultimate calling; rather than fleeing culture we should aim to influence culture.

When Jesus walked the earth, He did not desire to deliver His disciples from the culture surrounding them. He prepared them to enter culture and be agents of change. Jesus often walked right into the difficult cultural issues of His day, including speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well, eating at Zacheus’ home, healing 10 outcast lepers, and forgiving the sins of a woman with a checkered past, while calling on those who desired to be delivered from culture to throw the first stone.

Our school’s mission statement calls for us to train and develop students who will impact the culture for Christ. By definition this will require difficult decisions, messy situations, and hardship, but that is what following Jesus is all about. The promised rewards will be great, though some if not many will not be realized in this life. I Am A Knight and proud to be one because we do not flee from the burning issues of our culture, but rather run into them hoping to redeem them for Christ and His Kingdom.

God Bless,

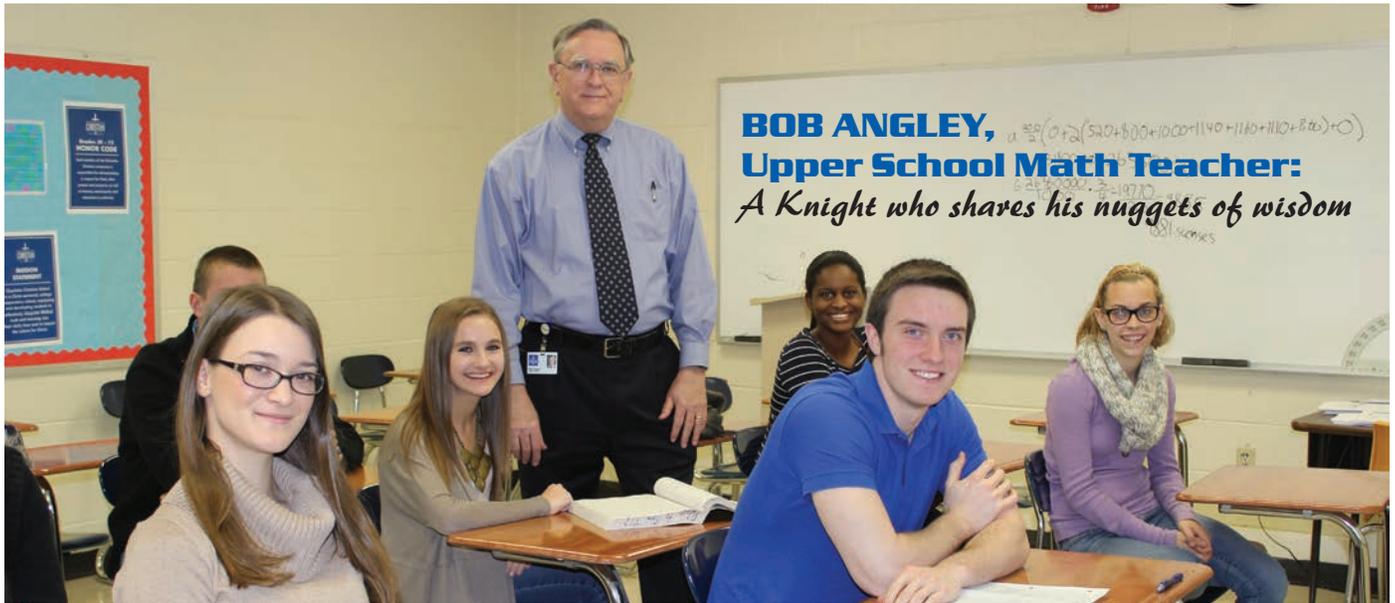
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# #iama**KNIGHT**

What makes a **Charlotte Christian Knight**? It is not just wearing **blue** and **white**. A Knight is someone who looks forward to the **annual Windy Gap retreat** or **nuggets of wisdom** from Mr. Angley's math class or **packs food for impoverished children** each year. Knights **study hard in the classroom, work together on the field, perform well on the stage,** and **faithfully serve others in the community**. Charlotte Christian Knights annually **volunteer to chaperone field trips** or **faithfully pray over class lists**. Knights **help** other Knights become **lifelong learners**. Knights **value a faith in Christ** and the importance of being in a place where **“everyone knows your name.”**

Upper school math teacher **Mr. Bob Angley**, eighth grade student **Chinelo Afulukwe** and lower school parents and alums **Wade** ('95) and **Emily McPhaul** ('95) are all proud to be Charlotte Christian Knights.



**BOB ANGLE,**  
**Upper School Math Teacher:**  
*A Knight who shares his nuggets of wisdom*



Mr. Angley has been in education for 47 years. After teaching in the public school system for 30 years, he came to Charlotte Christian in the fall of 1997 and knew he was destined to be a Knight. "I immediately fell in love with the place," recalled Mr.

Angley. "The people really care for each other. There is a sense of caring for students that is really special here."

He teaches Algebra II, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Pre-Calculus and Calculus in the upper school. While math focuses on numbers, problems and equations, Mr. Angley is able to relate with the students beyond just the subject. With more than four decades of wisdom from the classroom, he humbly shares life lessons with the students that they appreciate hearing. They share a mutual respect as he calls them his children and they become part of his life for that year.

"In a calculus class one year there were three girls that had completed every homework project all year long," said Mr. Angley. "When one of the girls came into class the last day, she said this was the last time and she began to tear up. She understood that she learned a lot about herself and accomplished so much and they were going to miss being part of the journey. I really appreciate the relationships that they develop and they are trying to do something difficult and trying to do it well."

Mr. Angley has the opportunity to connect with the students outside of the classroom as well. Over the years he has been involved with both the varsity ladies' basketball team and the junior varsity football program. He was the head coach of the ladies' basketball program for nine years and won four state championships during his tenure. He was also the assistant coach for the JV football team for 14 years, enjoying much success on the football field.

In November of 2012, then junior Sarah York ('14) wrote a blog for the Knights' Student Blog as an ode to Mr. Angley. Here is an excerpt from, *Nuggets of Wisdom*. "This title comes from a phrase the students made up for a man that truly represents the essence of Charlotte Christian School. A dedicated follower of Christ, a role model for students and teachers, and someone that never fails to impact those he comes in contact with. Who may you ask? Mr. Angley."

"Now, to give you a real glimpse of the sense of community and warmth Charlotte Christian has, I decided to explain Mr. Angley 'Nuggets of Wisdom.' I cannot take all the credit for this clever title. Fellow students and I created this name after the numerous stories and lessons we've learned from our AP Calculus teacher, Mr. Angley. You see, AP Calculus can be a difficult and very time consuming class. For example, doing the quotient rule on a fourth power polynomial, then taking its first and second derivative to find local and absolute extremas sounds a little demanding right? In light of these difficult problems, I look forward to this class every day. I absolutely love learning and discovering new ideas, but I've learned something extremely important through one of Mr. Angley 'golden nuggets of wisdom': Never become so consumed in life's daily tasks that you fail to see God's greatest gifts.

"I took away this life lesson after visiting Mr. Angley's room to receive additional help during my study hall. (It has become a recurring study hall activity with fellow classmates - a visit to Mr. Angley for math help and wisdom!) I walked in and sat down, waiting for him to finish talking with one of our new foreign exchange students. Overhearing the conversation, she seemed upset about her progress in her math class. Mr. Angley took the time to connect with the student and encouraged her to remember an important thing about her new adventure in America: Yes, to always desire to do her best in her studies, but never to become so consumed in getting that "A" that she loses sight of what her trip to America is all about - developing relationships with new people, living life in a new place, and taking advantage of all the opportunities waiting for her."

This blog paints a picture of why Mr. Angley is so beloved and is a great representation of a Knight.

## Chinelo Afulukwe, Eighth Grade Student: *A Knight who leads*



Chinelo Afulukwe has been a Knight since kindergarten. She and her two sisters came to Charlotte Christian in 2006. Her family was looking for a school based on Christian principles with loving teachers that would partner with families to guide students in their Christian walk. She has had different teachers help guide her path along the way from Mrs. Windham in kindergarten who made learning fun; to a fourth grade language arts teacher who helped her grow in her writing; to a middle school play director who cast her in plays and as a member of the tech team.

Being a Knight for Chinelo is about enjoying the atmosphere that Charlotte Christian offers all the while balancing her academics and co-curricular activities. The all-star student has been named to the Magna Cum Laude honor roll all nine quarters of her middle school career in addition to being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in seventh grade. Chinelo excels in her co-curriculars outside of school. She is a member of the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) team and is two belts away from earning her black belt in martial arts, not to mention she is also an ice skater in her free time.

Because of her strong character, a teacher nominated Chinelo for the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in fifth and sixth grades. She was given the opportunity to attend the Washington, D.C. conference and learn how to become a better leader. The conference helps students to “make new discoveries about their passions, their leadership strengths and their vision for the future.”

“Chinelo is bright, conscientious, considerate, hard-working, and reliable,” said the eighth grade teaching team. “She leads by example, works hard academically, and has a soft heart towards her classmates.”

## Wade ('95) & Emily ('95) McPhaul: *Knights for life*

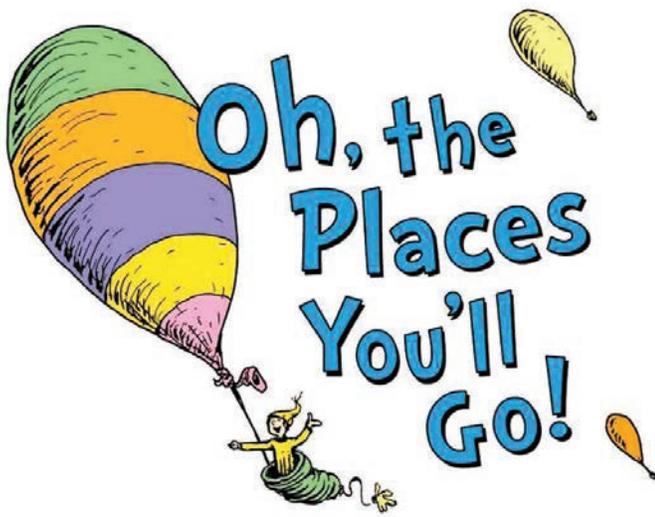


Wade and Emily McPhaul are lifelong Knights. The couple attended Charlotte Christian, Emily starting in kindergarten, and Wade in seventh grade, and graduated in 1995. They became friends in school and started dating in eleventh grade. They were married during their undergrad years in college at UNC Charlotte and then both attended dental school at UNC-Chapel Hill. The McPhauls have come back to campus now as parents, enrolling their son, Andrew, in kindergarten for this school year.

“We have been away for almost 20 years,” explained Mrs. McPhaul. “Coming back it felt really good and comfortable. Even though the buildings have changed, it is all still the same. It felt like home. Charlotte Christian still has the same heart and great community. One thing I loved and didn’t really anticipate was how tight the community still is, like a family. I knew enrolling Andrew was going to be a blessing for him, but didn’t realize it was going to bless the entire family. Last year I met a mom on my admissions visit and we kept meeting for coffee to stay in touch,” said Mrs. McPhaul. “When my dad was diagnosed with cancer, she brought me food and I wasn’t even a family at school yet!”

The McPhauls have had life changing moments at Charlotte Christian. The couple met here. They were introduced to their careers here during a field trip with their science class. “One thing that the school gave us was a sense of self,” said Mr. McPhaul. “We knew who we were with a Christian environment. We were just so prepared going forward in college. We were not only academically prepared, but were so well prepared spiritually.”

And now their oldest son is learning how to be a Knight himself. “Charlotte Christian has a unique way to individualize instruction for each child where they are,” shares Mrs. McPhaul. “Andrew comes out every day with the biggest smile on his face. Mrs. Windham and Mrs. Boyle think of every detail. Knowing that Andrew has a joyful day means everything to me.”



## Expanded Reading Knights Program Builds Excitement for Young Readers

Dr. Seuss may have put it best when he said, “The more that you read, the more that you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Going places is exactly what students in lower school are doing with the newly expanded Reading Knights program. Ms. Christine Doyle, Charlotte Christian’s lower school media specialist, spent the summer updating the Reading Knights incentive program to complement the evolving lower school curriculum. Ms. Doyle is a veteran teacher of 15 years and recently moved into the role of lower school media specialist after teaching first and third grades at Charlotte Christian for eight years.

“We have a beautiful new media center in the Hendrick Center for Arts and Science, and the kids absolutely love it,” shared Ms. Doyle. “In keeping with our new facility, we have updated the reading program to help build even more excitement about reading.”

The Reading Knights program began more than 10 years ago at Charlotte Christian and has helped countless young students expand their reading skills. This year, Ms. Doyle consulted with the lower school teachers and they worked together to determine challenging, yet attainable goals for each grade level along with suggested reading titles and corresponding projects.



One of the primary goals was to tie in what the teachers were doing in the classrooms so the students would benefit the most from their weekly media center time and have a sense of confidence and accomplishment about reading.

“For instance, some of the grade levels are working on biographies, so we included that into their requirements for Reading Knights and then we incorporated other non-fiction titles that might go along with their biography,” said Ms. Doyle. “So, if a student is reading about Amelia Earhart, then we also direct them to books about airplanes or flight, so that they can expound on what they are learning.”

Each grade level has a poster in the classroom that outlines the Reading Knights requirements, including the number of books, genres, projects, and awards for each quarter, so it is simple and easy to understand. They also have a chart that shows each student that is participating in Reading Knights along with a poster that shares what their teacher is currently personally reading.

Most importantly, the new program is producing amazing results. At the end of the first quarter, a total of 232 lower school students had completed the Reading Knights requirements and read 4,489 books, which is more than 65% of the entire lower school. By the end of the second quarter, a total of 253 had completed the requirements.

Students are recognized for their reading accomplishments during their media class time and group pictures are taken of the Reading Knights from each class. Individual projects are also on display in the media center each quarter. One particularly fun project featured third grade students who



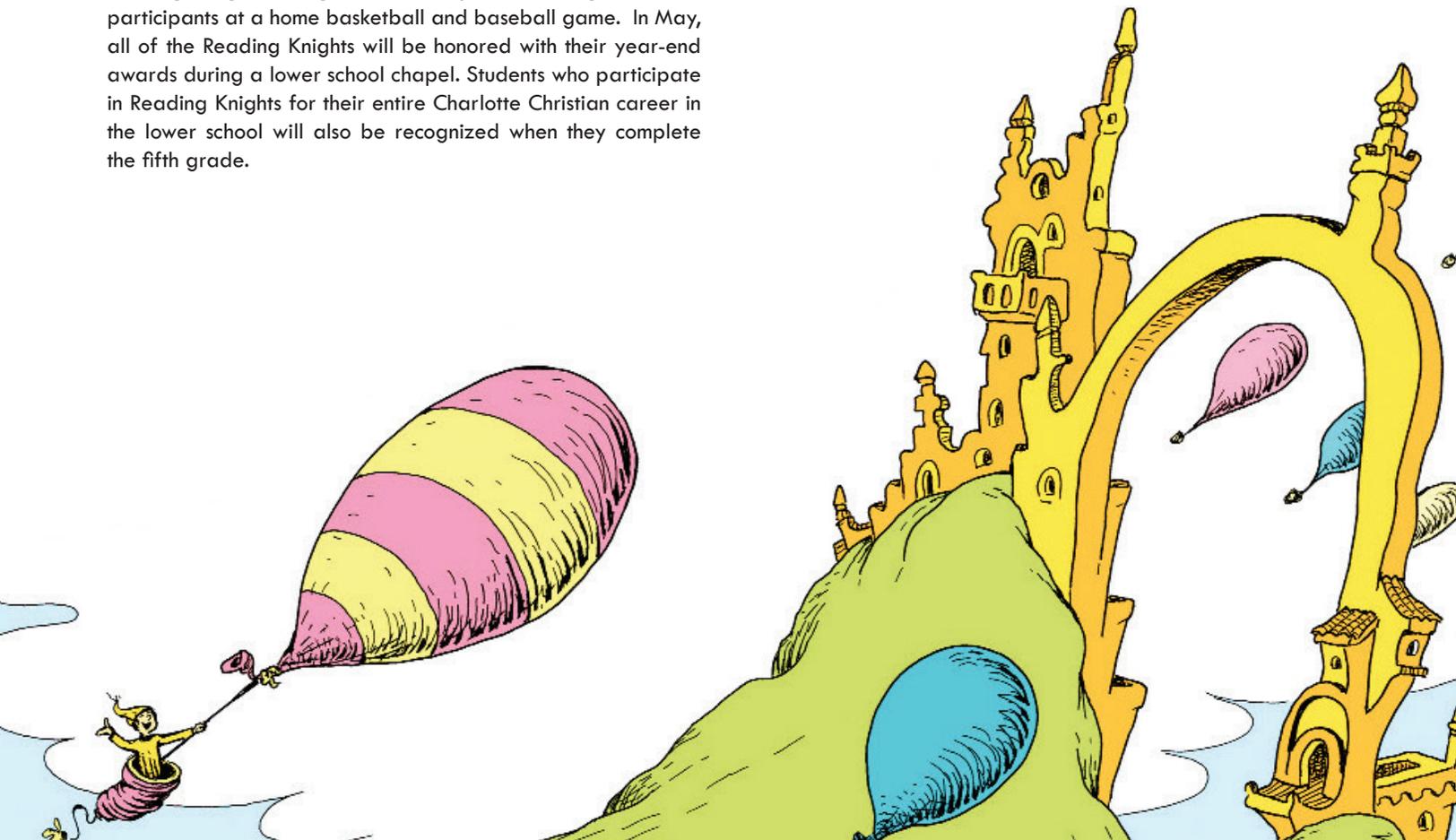


## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2ND QUARTER READING KNIGHTS!

did their biography projects in a unique way by presenting a living wax museum. Each student dressed as their biography character and had a “button” that could be pushed by a visitor to prompt the student to share what they had learned about their person.

In a great community building event with older Charlotte Christian students, all of the Reading Knights students were honored on the field at halftime of a varsity football playoff game and had the chance to run through the Knights tunnel at the beginning of the game. The hope is to recognize future participants at a home basketball and baseball game. In May, all of the Reading Knights will be honored with their year-end awards during a lower school chapel. Students who participate in Reading Knights for their entire Charlotte Christian career in the lower school will also be recognized when they complete the fifth grade.

**For more information about Reading Knights for grades JK-5 and the wonderful places your child can go by reading, please visit [www.charlottechristian.com/mediacenter](http://www.charlottechristian.com/mediacenter).**



# GOD'S FINGERPRINTS IN THE SKY

## CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN'S ASTRONOMY TEACHER SHARES THE BEAUTY OF THE HEAVENS

Students in Mr. Jim McLeod's Astronomy class had a special opportunity in late October when the sun was marred by a tremendously large sunspot. The mammoth dark spot was estimated to be the size of five earths and could actually be seen with the naked eye. Mr. McLeod took advantage of this incredible teaching moment and moved his class outside, set up the school's 8" diameter telescope, and began a "sun spot" party. The large telescope was a gift from a Charlotte Christian family several years ago and has become an amazing tool for sharing the sky with students. This particular sun spot surprised the scientists at NASA because it did not follow the normal timing for sun spots, which usually appear in an 11-year cycle. It was one of the largest magnetic storms on the surface of the sun that had been seen in years and made for a terrific tie-in to the upcoming lessons on how solar systems are formed.

Mr. McLeod also shares his passion for the heavens with students during the annual Windy Gap retreat. If the night sky is clear, he hosts a "star party" after an evening chapel. This celestial party is held on one of the asphalt practice courts and this year was attended by more than 80 students. Everyone lies on their backs, facing the same direction and the party begins. Mr. McLeod takes along the school's green laser which can travel seven miles in crisp, clean air, like that found in the mountains of Windy Gap.



"For many, this is a very spiritual event," shared Mr. McLeod. "It is gorgeous, fulfilling, and even fun to see what God has done that night in the sky."

Mr. McLeod shares that part of the fun of the event is that he researches the names of about five stars that will be visible at that time of year. He can then point out to the students those stars based upon their distance from Earth with the laser. It looks as if the pointer is actually touching the stars. He takes students on a journey through time and explains to them how the light they are seeing from each star came from so far away that it takes dozens, or hundreds, or even more years to reach their eyes.

"Telling students how looking deep into the universe is like time travel is really mind blowing to some of them," he shared. "It really ties in beautifully with our Biblical curriculum. The students are very visual and this experience takes their view of the universe one step further. It becomes spiritual – they are lying on their backs and literally soaking in all the God designed cosmos that is in front of them."

Mr. McLeod is in his ninth year as an upper school biology and astronomy teacher at Charlotte Christian. He actually began the CMS astronomy program at Olympic High School 35 years ago, then brought his love of astronomy to Charlotte Christian where he introduced the class eight years ago.

"I am honored to serve students at CCS in a unique way. With microscopes, I share single cells. With the star parties, I share the grandeur of the heavens. Either way, God's fingerprints are evident. I would argue that I have the best job on campus."





# Poetry Slam

## Having Fun with Creative Writing

How do you get eighth grade students excited about poetry? It's simple – just turn it into a fun competition called a Poetry Slam and they are ready to go!

Mrs. Kylie Crowley, eighth grade language arts teacher, developed this creative technique eight years ago and has used it ever since to teach middle school students about poetry. Mrs. Crowley is in her third year at Charlotte Christian and has enjoyed watching her students embrace the poetic challenge.

“Many students are not naturally interested in poetry – they often find it confusing and have a hard time relating to classic poets like Robert Frost or Emily Dickinson,” she shared. “During the poetry unit, we look at the classics and learn all about figurative language and personification, and then we put it into action by competing in our Poetry Slam.”

The whole process starts out like a “March Madness” bracket, with students competing at each round and winners advancing forward for a total of five rounds. Every eighth grader begins by writing a poem that must include different types of figurative language. Next they present their poems to their classmates who cast anonymous votes to determine which poets will move forward. Half of each class is eliminated at each round until there is a winner for each of the five classes. Students that move forward must write a new poem for each round, and after the first round, there are no rules – they can write about anything that they like.

“The Poetry Slam is a great way to get them engaged and it allows them a chance to share their voice and the unique things that interest each of them,” said Mrs. Crowley. “I really like that the voting is anonymous, so the kids that move forward are the ones who earned it. Their classmates are voting for them because they have done a good job of writing, which is very encouraging.”

Hardin Moore and Jordan Petrovsky both made it to the final round and presented their last poems to a room full of the entire eighth grade.

“I enjoy writing and making up stories,” shared Hardin, who ended up winning the final slam. “I felt very blessed to win and it was fun to write the poems with no rules. As I moved forward, I got more confidence and tried hard to think outside of the box. I wanted the readers to enjoy what I wrote and not get bored.”

“I was not sure about the competition at first, but as I started to move forward, I really enjoyed it,” said Jordan. “I learned a lot from Mrs. Crowley about description and detail and it has carried over into my writing. I was surprised to do so well because there are so many talented writers in my class – it felt really good to accomplish something like that.”

Pictured above with Mrs. Crowley are the five finalists for the Poetry Slam. L-R: Jordan Petrovsky, Royce Hanna, Allie McCreary, Hardin Moore, Whit Peery, and Mrs. Crowley.

Educational Records Bureau (ERB) math scores from the last two years have reflected steady increases in the average mean scores for lower school students in grades JK-5. Scores from the fall 2014 ERB tests reflect an increase of 12.4% for math and quantitative reasoning scores over 2011-12 scores. The increased scores correlate with the implementation of the Primary Mathematics curriculum, Singapore Math which began with a pilot program in lower school in 2011-12. The new curriculum was phased into all lower school grades over a three year period, with every grade being fully engaged in Primary Mathematics last year. The Primary Mathematics curriculum focuses on deeply understanding all aspects of mathematical elements including: fluency, mental math, problem solving, math concepts, and problem solving.

# ERB → MATH SCORES ARE ON THE RISE



2012



2013



2014

An overtime win against a long-time rival in the final seconds of the game made the third consecutive 3A football state championship an even sweeter victory for this year's varsity football Knights. The success and consistency of Charlotte Christian's football program is in large part due to Coach Jason Estep's development and vision for the school and the student-athletes who play the sport.

In 2006, Coach Estep joined the football staff as the head coach and found a program that needed some positive direction. The varsity team had recorded only three wins in two years and the morale was not at its highest. Coach Estep saw potential in his athletes and believed he could move them forward. Eight years later, Charlotte Christian School is now a contender for the state title each year and the football program operates purposefully with an organized staff full of experienced coaches. Coach Estep's focus on strength and conditioning has been a vital part of preparation coupled with 12 assistant coaches who don't share responsibilities, but rather specialize and focus.

Coach Estep's first team in 2007 went to the state finals. Then in 2008, they won the title – the first state championship since 1992. In 2009, the momentum continued when Charlotte Christian was the first private school to start the season as No. 1 in *The Charlotte Observer's* Sweet 16 poll. The 2012 and 2013 seasons ended with state championship victories, which led to this season's third straight title.

The success of Coach Estep extends far beyond the field. He estimates between 35 and 40 Charlotte Christian football athletes have gone on to the collegiate level with 19 currently playing. From this year's team, the verbal commitments to play collegiately include: Jackson VanSickle to Virginia Tech, Philip Walton to N.C. State, Jaylon McClinton to Army, and Brian Chaffin to Stanford.

Assistant coach and recruiter for Virginia Tech, Shane Beamer, has been to Charlotte Christian seven times in the last year and a half. He continues to seek players from our school because of "the strong work ethic, the strong academics and the great coaching staff. I've watched them [the players] in the weight room and in practice and have seen how hard they work." Coach Beamer enjoys working with Coach Estep because "he is a great person and he makes it easy on college coaches because he prepares his players for the recruiting process so well. They are of high character and that is most important." Coach Beamer scouts in the Richmond, Va. and Charlotte areas. "You know exactly what kind of student-athlete you're going to get from Charlotte Christian and I appreciate that."

Coach Estep's influence and encouragement doesn't stop once the student-athletes leave Charlotte Christian. He continues relationships with the players in college and even beyond to their professional careers. It is not uncommon for former players, both those that continue to play collegiately and those who have hung up their cleats, to stop by his office for a visit when they are in town.

As far as the 2015 season goes, "there is always room for improvement," said Coach Estep. "We will not allow ourselves to be content with where we are. Although we haven't set our upcoming season goals yet, I can tell you our focus will be a fourth straight championship and I hope we continue to impact young men for the Kingdom through football."

# THE NEW HEAD COACHES LINE-UP

This winter Charlotte Christian welcomed several new coaches to its staff. Aside from expertise and passion for their sport, our new coaches also bring balance and vision to our student-athletes. For the most part, coming to Charlotte Christian to coach meant coming home as many are returning to campus in a new capacity.



## Luke Boythe, Varsity Girls' Basketball Head Coach

For Coach Luke Boythe, Charlotte Christian School is a family in every facet. The new girls' varsity basketball coach returns to campus for the third time. Coach Boythe graduated from Charlotte

Christian in 1998, and then 10 years later became the upper school spiritual life director for four years. Now, 16 years after graduating, Coach Boythe returns to coach the varsity girls' basketball team and to teach middle school Bible. His mother and wife also work at Charlotte Christian, and both of his sons are in the lower school. "God had shown me that my heart was for the classroom and the court. I began the process of exploring my options, but through it all, my desire was to return to Charlotte Christian because it is home."

Coach Boythe's vision for the basketball program is encapsulated in his "The Process of Becoming" mantra that he preaches to the team so they are encouraged to be patient and persistent. Through team devotions, practice and games, Coach Boythe reiterates the importance of sticking with the process and in doing so he hopes to point the girls toward Christ. "Ultimately, that is what this is about: God receiving glory through the vehicle of basketball."

The former varsity coach, Amanda Naeher, now supports Coach Boythe as the assistant coach so that she will have more time as the head coach of the varsity girls' soccer program. The transition between Coach Boythe and Coach Naeher has been a smooth one and has fostered greater respect and friendship on and off the court. "He brings a clear mission to the program. He is detail-oriented, high energy, positive, encouraging and has an extremely high basketball IQ," said Coach Naeher.



## Stan Banks, Varsity Wrestling Head Coach

Wrestling Head Coach Stan Banks joins the Charlotte Christian coaching staff with an impressive wrestling background. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Coach Banks won two

ACC championships and was twice named a NCAA Division I All American. He graduated from Carolina in 1995 and currently works in medical device sales.

Coach Banks started a youth wrestling club, CORE Wrestling, several years ago and rented space on the Charlotte Christian campus during the evenings. The relationship between the school and Coach Banks grew based on mutual respect so when he was offered the head wrestling coach position, the decision was easy. Coach Banks believes that the mission and values of Charlotte Christian closely mirror what he is pursuing at CORE Wrestling: respect, integrity, work ethic and success.

Senior Charlie Rand explains that Coach Banks' no-nonsense approach to the sport includes great character and commitment on the coach's part. "Coach Banks always leads by example; he runs with us, he lifts with us. Whatever he expects of us, he does it too."

Coach Banks is pushing the Knights to become a dominant presence at state competitions with that success leading to national opportunities to compete. With clear expectations, positive reinforcement, metrics tracking and accountability, Coach Banks is making an impression on and off the mat.

Coach Banks is married and has five children.



## Bobby Jones, Varsity Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach

Coach Bobby Jones is in his first season back with the varsity basketball coaching staff after having previously served as Charlotte Christian's varsity boys' basketball head coach from 1989-04 and the director of athletics from 1989-97. A native Charlottean, he played basketball at UNC-Chapel Hill and earned his degree in psychology in 1974. He played in the NBA for the Denver Nuggets and Philadelphia 76ers and earned the first-ever NBA Sixth Man Award while playing a role in the 76ers' 1983 NBA Championship. Philadelphia retired the four-time NBA All-Star's number 24 in 1986. Coach Jones and his wife, Tess, have three children, Eric ('98), Matthew ('00) and Meredith ('04), all graduates of Charlotte Christian.

# Award Winning Acting at NCTC Regional Competition

For more than 10 years Charlotte Christian School's ACT 1 drama team has participated in and received several awards at the regional North Carolina Theatre Conference (NCTC) High School Play Festival. This year's performances of *Skinflints and Scoundrels: Moliere's Miser* and *Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery* were no different, winning multiple individual and group accolades, most notably the Regional Distinguished Play Award. The team then took their performance of *Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery* to Greensboro for the NCTC State Competition where they were honored with the Excellence in Score and Choral Work distinction.



Senior Charles Stephens was individually recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Acting in *Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery*, but according to him it was always a group effort. "The award just shows how well everyone in ACT 1 did. I won it because all my fellow cast members who helped to make the play better than I could have imagined." Charles recalls all the excitement and anticipation from preparing and rehearsing in the months leading up to the competition and then the great relief of finally getting to perform, "It feels so good to finally get on stage and perform. It all comes together once you are your character." Charles plans to attend the University of North Carolina School of the Arts for Filmmaking in Winston-Salem.

Senior Caroline Kasay was also presented with an individual distinction for Excellence in Acting in *Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery*. Most memorable to Caroline was the cohesive and spirited team that was the entire troupe and ensemble. The accomplishment was a humbling and unexpected experience for Caroline. "Winning the acting award was an honor and a blessing. I wasn't expecting to win because of the extensive talent

display at the competition and within our own show, but I am so thankful that I got the opportunity to impact the other actors in a way that honors and glorifies God."

The weeks leading up to the performances and the behind the scenes preparation are as important to ACT 1 as the final products. "I researched Edgar Allen Poe's stories and I talked briefly with my history teacher about King Louis XIV," said Caroline. "We met in class and outside of class to run the scenes and discuss the motives of the characters in the plays."

An unusual challenge for Caroline was playing the role of a man, King Louis XIV. Additionally, she initially found the role of Annabel Lee difficult because of Annabel's weak will. But this difference of personality ultimately pushed Caroline to delve deeper into the character and reexamine what it means to struggle as Annabel did. "I loved exploring the different aspects of her story. She [Annabel] grew throughout the show to develop strength and courage."

The ACT 1 drama team is a 14-member audition-only high school competition drama team under the direction of Mrs. Tiffany Renee Bear, theatre and music instructor for middle and upper school. The ACT 1 drama troupe also won Regional Distinguished Play Awards at the 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 NCTC High School Play Festivals and North Carolina state titles in both 2008 and 2010 at the NCTC State Competitions.

## THE TROUPE WON THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

### Regional Distinguished Play Award:

*Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery*

### Excellence in Acting:

Senior Caroline Kasay for  
*Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery*

### Outstanding Achievement in Acting:

Senior Charles Stephens for  
*Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery*

### Excellence in Directing:

Mrs. Tiffany Renee Bear for  
*Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery*

### Excellence in Production Concept and Design:

*Nevermore: Edgar Allen Poe, the Final Mystery*

### Excellence in Costumes and Wigs:

*Skinflints and Scoundrels: Moliere's Miser*

### At NCTC State Competition:

Excellence in Score and Choral Work



## TOP HONORS RECEIVED EIGHT STRAIGHT YEARS at Carolinas Freedom Foundation Patriotic Art Competition



2008

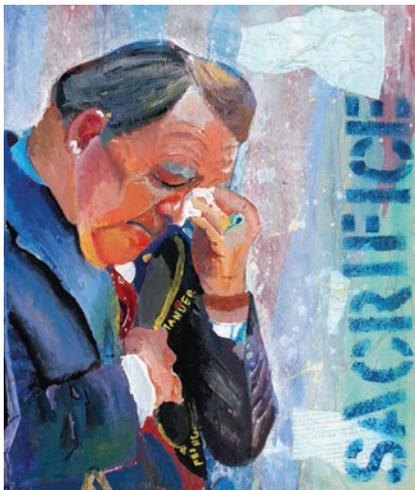
For the past eight years Charlotte Christian students have received top honors in the Carolinas Freedom Foundation (CFF) Patriotic Art Competition. This year was no different with four students receiving honors. The theme of "Proud to be an American" was perfectly depicted in junior Chloe Lee's piece entitled, "Proud of History." Chloe's piece was awarded the Independent High School First Place Award and she was honored at the US Airways Freedom Breakfast in November where she received a \$200 prize.



2014



2007



2013

Chloe is an international exchange student from the Republic of Korea and has been attending Charlotte Christian since her freshman year. "I thought about if I was an American and what I would be most proud of and the history of the United States popped in my mind. Even though there are not thousands of years of history here, there are still very important events and people." Intrigued by the juxtaposition of a short history and profound impact, Chloe was inspired to create her "Proud of History" piece using mixed media (acrylic, printed photographs, newspaper, and charcoal). After graduating from Charlotte Christian, Chloe hopes to pursue an art degree in the United States.

with the distinct and numerous honors her students have won at this competition. Past winners include Anne Marie Gaines (2007), Meredith Haake (2008), Jake Younts (2009), Kevin Ramsey (2010), Kate Condon (2011), Nick Condon (2012), and Sarah Redmond (2013).

Mrs. Crawford integrates the prompts that CFF offers into the Honors and AP Studio Art curriculum. The assignments vary from "word art" to chalk pastel on black paper to acrylic and mixed media. Mrs. Crawford attributes the continued success of Charlotte Christian students to their artistic maturity and pursuit of excellence in all their major projects.



2009

Chloe's unique perspective and talent was in good company, as three other Charlotte Christian students were also awarded honors: senior Grant Mahan won second place and a \$100 prize; sophomore Eva Bower and junior Ruth Wilson both won honorable mention awards.

"They know that the standards for excellence in all of their work is high, and they don't just complete a work of art, but they inspect it, reflect upon it and pronounce the work complete when they have given their absolute best effort."

Students at these levels build a portfolio of art to use as college supplements, for competitions or for entrance into art schools. Their patriotic piece is held to the level of making a welcome addition to this portfolio."

Mrs. Eva Crawford, director of visual arts at Charlotte Christian School, has been delighted



This Christmas season Charlotte Christian School students, faculty, and staff began a new partnership with Together We Feed and Second Harvest Food Bank to help feed, care, and connect with hungry children in our own city. The school community collected more than 3,000 toys and 4,000 books were paired with food provided by the Second Harvest Food Bank and packed into drawstring backpacks. On Friday, Dec. 12, the school hosted a day-long packing event in the Flenniken Dining Hall to assemble all of the backpacks. Every student from grades JK-12 wrote an encouraging personal note and packed a backpack that was given to a child in need in Mecklenburg County.

The backpacks were distributed to five local CMS elementary schools and given to children at risk of hunger who may not have enough food in their homes over the Christmas break. Working together, the Charlotte Christian community was blessed to pack a total of 1,265 bags.

Charlotte Christian parent and Together We Feed volunteer Mrs. Lynn Carlson helped to organize the event. "We felt like this partnership was a great opportunity for our children at Charlotte Christian to come together to help other children in the city of Charlotte," she shared. "We believe in giving back to the least of these and this was a seamless fit. It was an opportunity for every single person on campus to get involved, offer hope, and really share the reason for our Christmas season."

#### EACH BACKPACK INCLUDED:

- Food provided by the Second Harvest Food Bank included cereal bars, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit cocktail, chicken noodle soup, pudding, raisins, and canned chunk chicken
- 2 books
- Toy
- Personal notecard from a student

David Brown of Second Harvest Food Bank was on hand to supervise the packing and loading of the bags in preparation for delivery. "One in four children is at risk of hunger," said Mr. Brown. "This means that a child could go 24 hours without having access to food, not having anything to eat." The food bank knows that when the children do get food, it may not meet all of their nutritional needs, so they make sure that the backpacks include wholesome and healthy items and some variety from week to week.

Second Harvest Food Bank distributed more than 100,000 backpacks last year alone to children in need of food. Through their partnership with Together We Feed, they are able to attack the problem of hunger through a four-pronged strategy that includes emergency pantries in the schools; emergency pantries in classrooms; mobile pantries; and the backpack program for weekends, summer, and holiday breaks.

Charlotte Christian also hosts "Knights Fight Hunger Week" each spring and welcomed the opportunity to partner with Together We Feed during the Christmas season. "The number of children in need of food in the Charlotte community is staggering," shared Head of School Barry Giller. "Our families are blessed in many ways and this was another chance for us to give back and make a real difference."

Second grader Caleb Hinson shared the feelings of many, "It made me feel very happy to help other kids who don't have enough to eat. I'm really glad that my class got to help them."



Together We CAN End Hunger



## *Sharing the Love of Christmas and Ending*



  
= togetherwefeed  
charlotte



*Childhood Hunger, One Backpack at a Time*



Senior Colter Corish is a problem-solver. He doesn't just think about how to balance his busy schedule as a senior who is applying to college while carrying an extremely difficult course load and trying to have some time for a social life. He, along with a team of eight other Charlotte Christian students, is trying to solve the problem of modern day slavery, or what has come to be better known as human trafficking.

According to the Charlotte Area Health Education Center (CAHEC), Charlotte ranks in the top cities in the country for human trafficking. Colter has created the Freedom Fellows, a group of students working to educate and involve fellow classmates in fighting this issue affecting our community.

"Human trafficking is not a comfortable topic for many," said Colter. "People have to work through how they feel so they can help the people trapped in it and ultimately empower them. My interest in human trafficking began years ago when Mr. Fair challenged the Knights Knews team to begin exploring more serious subjects for future broadcasts. It was not a well-known issue then, and yet the facts about human trafficking in our area are quite shocking."

The idea for Freedom Fellows was developed last summer at Elevate, a summer leadership program at Gordon College in Massachusetts. Colter and fellow classmate Payton Walker were selected to attend the program along with 48 other students from around the world. The attendees were asked to select an issue that affected their local community and to be prepared to discuss it during the week. Colter chose human trafficking because of its prevalence in the Charlotte region, and it was chosen by the conference members to pursue during the week. Colter was put into a group of 10 students who spent the week coming up with a 10-page project plan to tackle human

trafficking. At the end of the conference, the Freedom Fellows Initiative was presented to a team of humanitarian investors. Colter's group won second place and received \$1,000 to help put the plan into motion.

Freedom Fellows at Charlotte Christian began when Colter came back to Charlotte and met with Head of School Barry Giller to discuss his ideas. He was given permission to move forward with starting the group and in October presented his plan during an upper school chapel. He spoke about human trafficking locally and shared his vision for partnering with his fellow students to end this abomination. He invited juniors and seniors to apply to be Freedom Fellows who would work together to educate others and make a difference in this problem that affects many in our city. More than 15 students applied, and four seniors and four juniors were selected by a committee that included Mr. Giller, Upper School Principal Allen Nielsen, Director of College Counseling Jodi Foxx, and Junior English Teacher Renuka Szymborski, who is also serving as the group's advisor.

Seniors Tatiana Egbuna, Calece Nash, Payton Walker and Alec Yoh, along with juniors Ansley Ball, Baxter Bradbury, Chandler Kellogg, and Brenna Knight were chosen to be the first Charlotte Christian Freedom Fellows with Colter serving as the group's president. The group has met once every two weeks with its focus on training members about the issue. Pairs (a senior with a junior) of students have been assigned to work on researching either the prevention, intervention or post rehabilitation of human trafficking victims.

The group will continue to work on putting together their specific plan before presenting ways for the rest of the community to get involved towards the end of the school year. Colter is working on securing chapel speakers to talk to the upper school students about human trafficking. He is also seeking to identify potential investors in the Charlotte area who are willing to partner with the Freedom Fellows in raising awareness and preventing human trafficking.



## If Not Us, Then Who?

undergoing chemotherapy. The ornaments are accompanied by Psalm 91:11, which states “For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.” Some ornaments were delivered to a local chemo center, and the reaction was

a story of hope and what God can do in and through individuals’ lives. Students create the sock puppets and learn how to be ready to use them to talk about how God allowed Joseph to go from hopelessness to a position that positively changed the lives of many.

The words to the popular song by Matthew West “If Not Us Then Who?” have inspired Seventh Grade Bible teacher Christina Sachtleben to challenge all middle school students to impact the community by being doers.

“If we aren’t helping the community then who is,” said Mrs. Sachtleben. “If we are living in abundance – our obligation is to take care of others. It all comes from God. We are a community that has been given much.”

There are four on-going projects that middle school students can work on either after school on designated Fridays or in their Bible class. The four projects offer hope and love to people with various physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

**CHEMO ANGELS** was started last year and is a ministry to cancer patients. Mrs. Sachtleben and her students collect oyster shells, which are used to make Christmas ornaments and then given to individuals

amazing.

“I didn’t expect the response to be so overwhelmingly beautiful,” said Mrs. Sachtleben. “I allowed the patients to choose which ornament they wanted, and there was such a connection to the individual ornaments. The last lady that took one loved it immediately, but when she read the verse she began sobbing saying that she didn’t expect it to touch her that way. I realized what the word of God can do to touch people’s lives.”

**SAVING PLACES** is a project through which students can create bookmark dolls to “save your place” in a book. The bookmarks will be sold, and all the money given to Samaritan’s Purse for one of their orphan ministries. The bookmarks will be available at home basketball games during the winter or in Mrs. Sachtleben’s classroom.

**STORY TELLERS** uses sock puppets to tell the story of the Old Testament’s Joseph,

The **MAILBOX MINISTRY** concentrates on shut-ins, people who are often lonely and isolated because of their inability to leave their home. Mrs. Sachtleben’s students will collect the names and addresses of people who need encouragement and send them 25 puzzle pieces, one by one, to give them something to look forward to in the mail each day. A student-written letter of encouragement will accompany the puzzle pieces.

“I want all of my middle school students to see their potential in being a giver,” said Mrs. Sachtleben. “My projects should inspire them to do their own things, whether it is cookies for cancer, or some sort of collection drive. You don’t have to go across the seas to help others...we have needs here.”

To keep these projects running, donations of stamps; 3/4” wooden ball knobs (doll heads); non-spring, wooden clothespins; and new, knee-length socks of various colors and patterns are being accepted.

Charlotte Christian celebrated a time of thankfulness on Tuesday, Nov. 25 in a special all-school Thanksgiving chapel. With students from grades JK-12, alongside teachers, parents and even grandparents, the entire school community gathered to sing, give thanks and worship together. The chapel was themed around Matthew 5:16, the 2014-15 Bible verse, which says “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” The music portion of chapel was led by an upper school praise band that included seniors Caroline Kasay and Payton Walker, juniors Kennedy Manyika and Graham Smith, and freshman Terrelle Brown.

The highlight of the morning was the personal words of thanks spoken by a student from each grade. The students were charged with thanking someone who has been a light in their life, and they shared about siblings, parents, grandparents, cousins, friends, teachers, faculty members and others who have impacted them.

“Our entire community coming together for a chapel is one of my favorite things,” said Head of School Barry Giller. “We are a blessed school and individuals and it is important that we take the time to stop and give God our sincere thanks.”

## Light Up the World with Thanksgiving





## LIVING OUT THE WORD

What began as a few conversations Mrs. Lisa Giller, wife of Head of School Barry Giller, had with some Charlotte Christian moms about a desire for fellowship centered around the Word of God, has developed into a group of 70 women that meet regularly for Bible study and service projects. The Charlotte Christian ladies' Bible study meets every other Wednesday afternoon at the Swim and Tennis Center. Mrs. Giller began leading the study in August of 2012 with 35 moms studying the book of Philippians. The group has grown tremendously, and now a packed house of ladies is learning and applying the book of James together.

"I long to be connected to other women just like so many moms," said Mrs. Giller. "In my life the most meaningful relationships have been built on the foundation of studying the Word together. Our desire in offering the mom's Bible study is to provide a place where Charlotte Christian women can connect deeply to God and to one another as we walk through Scripture together. In doing so we strengthen our community and the wider Body of Christ."

New to this year's study is a service component that has been an exciting addition to the rich fellowship. The group has visited three local non-profit organizations that meet different needs in Charlotte: Project 658 which serves the refugee community; Second Harvest Food Bank which seeks to eliminate hunger in the greater Charlotte region; and 2xSalt which serves some of the most economically-challenged communities in west Charlotte. Each visit has included an opportunity to tour the ministry and learn more about the lives of the people that the organizations serve.

"As I prepared to teach the book of James, there was no getting around the call to be active in living out what Scripture says," said Mrs. Giller. "By adding several service days during the semester, we hoped to give the ladies in the study an opportunity to quickly begin to live out the mandate in Scripture to care for those the Lord Jesus has placed in our paths."

At Project 658, ladies brought clothing and bedding items, which were immediately enjoyed by patrons who happened to be "shopping" in the ministry's store while the group from Charlotte Christian was visiting. At Second Harvest, the group donated 333 pounds of food and was able to serve by organizing areas of the warehouse. At 2xSalt, the group brought new bicycles, scooters and toys for the ministry's December Miracle Mall event which offers patrons the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts at highly discounted prices. The ladies also enjoyed a Christmas lunch together before helping to decorate 2xSalt's building in preparation for the Miracle Mall.

"We hope that by visiting different ministries in Charlotte, we will allow the moms to be exposed to work that is already being done and allow them to connect with ways to possibly serve in the future," said Mrs. Giller. "I would love for all of us to become aware not only of the need around us, but also the faithfulness of God as He meets those needs through ministries that are caring so well for our neighbors in Charlotte. A side benefit of these service days has been the deeper relationships and fellowship that the moms are experiencing by serving side by side with each other."





There are not too many middle school students, or adults for that matter, who can whip up a homemade Caesar dressing, sauté shrimp and bake a dessert from scratch in front of an audience while the clock is ticking. Five Charlotte Christian students, sixth graders Heather Harris and Jacob Zeiglar and seventh graders Ethan Eshleman, Jed Giller, and Hunter Scott, learned how to do that and more as part of the Flik Invitational Cook-off held at Providence Day School in November. The students worked for seven weeks after school, with Flik Executive Chef Chris Zion as their coach, to prepare for the Iron Chef-style competition. As part of their instruction they learned skills in the areas of food preparation, safety, nutrition, communication, meal planning and more.

On the night of the event, the students were charged with creating a three-course meal in 45 minutes. The team, who called themselves the Culinary Christians, produced a caesar

salad, shrimp and grits and a butternut squash/apple crumble to impress judges Mr. Barry Giller, PDS Head of School Dr. Glyn Cowlshaw, and a local food expert. Families, friends and members of both school communities were in attendance to support the teams as they prepared their meal. After the students made each course, they had to explain to the judges what they created adding to the trepidation they felt.

Jed Giller helped prepare the entrée and had the responsibility of talking to the judges.

"I was feeling nervous, but once we started it was just as we had practiced," said Jed. "The whole competition was a lot of fun."

Though the Charlotte Christian students lost by a narrow margin of three points, many lessons were learned.

"I learned that team work makes the dream work," said Jed. "If we are not communicating well, not helping each other cut, or sauté, then things don't cook or taste right. But if we communicate well than we do things much quicker. I can also cut onions really well now."

"I couldn't be more proud of the children who participated," said Chef Zion. "What they did in seven weeks was pretty amazing. For me, it wasn't about the competition, but about what they learned and what they accomplished. I think it is amazing what the kids can pick up, they were so open and willing to learn."



Upper school students in Mr. Shonn Brown's leadership class were challenged to plan a service project that incorporated the ideas and skills they learned throughout the semester. Senior Derrick Wood recommended a special day to honor the Flik dining hall staff, an idea his classmates enthusiastically endorsed.

"I've always deeply appreciated what the dining hall staff does for the students each and every day and have even built friendships with the awesome staff," shared Derrick. "The more we thought about what they do for the school, the more we wanted to give back to them in any way possible. Since they're always serving us, we really wanted to change things up and serve them!"

The group decided to treat the Flik staff to breakfast, and each student took on a different responsibility, from inviting the special guests to arranging the menu. In the end, the Flik staff was treated to homemade pancakes, Chick-Fil-A biscuits, doughnuts, fruit, juice, coffee, and lots of smiles from the students.

"In my 30 years in the food service business, I have never been so touched by a gesture like the one that happened that day," shared Flik Dining Service Manager Mr. Ted Johnson.

Dining hall staff members Ms. Annette Boyd and Ms. Latoria Hicks echoed the same sentiments.

"We felt so loved and appreciated," shared Ms. Hicks. "It was a very special day for us."



## *Serving Those Who Serve* Leadership Class Service Project a Treat for the Dining Hall Staff



# THE REAL CCS



Charlotte Christian's Homecoming activities are a highlight of each year for all students no matter what grade they are in. Whether through participation in the week's themed dress-up days, or competing in the annual junior/senior girl's Powder Puff game, students in all grades enjoy celebrating school spirit and cheering on the Knights in the Friday night football game. When the Student Government Association (SGA) began planning the Homecoming activities for this year, they were charged by the school administration with trying to unite all three divisions – lower, middle and upper school – in the week-long celebration. The

student-leaders, led by President Emily Saba, chose the theme "Reality Television Shows" and the dress-up days were each planned around a popular reality tv show.

This year's festivities, however, included a new class competition that involved a service component. Each upper school grade performed pre-determined, themed random acts of kindness for people both in and outside the school community. In keeping with the reality TV show theme, the students made videos of their activities in order to show what a "Real CCS Student" looks like.

Acts of kindness included leaving encouraging notes and Bible verses on beds at Windy Gap; making bookmarks and wrapping paper for Bright Blessings, a local organization that supports the homeless; tutoring at-risk children at a local apartment complex; washing teachers' cars in the upper school parking lot; making cookies for teachers; leaving cards and gift bags on people's doorsteps, and making breakfast for the middle school staff.

The competition part of the videos included things like which class performed the most "random" acts, which one best tied in the school's Bible verse and which one included members of the lower school (in an effort to tie in all members of the Charlotte Christian community.)

Mrs. Emily Fair, SGA advisor, oversaw the Homecoming activities and was impressed with the way they were carried out by those who participated. Mrs. Fair especially loved the way the seniors chose to honor some of their former teachers.

"The seniors visited the Early Education Building and thanked some of the teachers they had in junior kindergarten and kindergarten," said Mrs. Fair. "It meant a lot to the teachers to hear the kids say thank you. For some of the students that have been here their whole life, these were the teachers that taught them how to read."

"The juniors read to some of the second and third grade classes, which was a great way to unite the lower and upper schools. Now when the younger kids see the older ones on campus they recognize each other and can call each other by name. That is huge to the younger ones."

The random acts of kindness videos were so popular that many students and teachers are hoping this will become an annual part of Homecoming. The videos are available to watch by going to the Knights Knews channel on YouTube.



**ACADEMICS**

**NATIONAL MERIT HONORS**

Congratulations to three seniors on being recognized for exceptional academic promise by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. **KATE BENSON** has been named a semifinalist in the 60th annual National Merit Scholarship Program and will go on to compete with more than 16,000 students from across the country for National Merit Scholarships that will be awarded in the spring. **DERRICK WOOD** was selected as a Commended Student and recognized with a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. **TREY PHILLS** has been selected as an Outstanding Participant in the National Achievement Scholarship Program, an award initiated in 1964 by the National Merit Scholarship Program to honor academically promising African American high school students.

**CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN SPELLING BEE**



Congratulations to seventh grader **HANNAH BRANDON** on winning the Charlotte Christian Spelling Bee. Thirty-three students representing grades three through eight competed in the 2014 Spelling Bee on Dec. 5. Congratulations also to **SAMMY HENDERSON** who was the first runner-up in the bee. Hannah will go on to represent Charlotte Christian in the Mecklenburg County Independent School Spelling Bee in January.



**HENDRICK SCHOLARSHIPS**

Seniors **CALLIE BUCKNER** and **MICHAEL TAN** were named the 2014 recipients of the Jennifer and Kimberly Hendrick Memorial Scholarships during an all-school chapel held Oct. 9. The scholarships were established by Mrs. Cathy Hendrick in May of 2005 to provide full tuition to two seniors who exemplify a humble, Christ-like spirit, and heart of service to the Lord. The scholarships are in memory of her twin daughters, Jennifer Marie Hendrick and Kimberly Paige Hendrick, both Charlotte Christian graduates of the Class of 2000.

**50 BEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS RECOGNITION**



Charlotte Christian School has been recognized as a one of the 50 Best Christian Schools in America by [www.thebestschools.org](http://www.thebestschools.org). The website showcases what they regard as the best 50 Christian high schools in the United States. Schools were selected based on criteria including academic excellence, extracurricular richness (fine arts, athletics, social activities, and more), geographic and demographic diversity, and Christian curriculum.

**2014 N.C. FAMILY-FRIENDLY RECOGNITION**



Charlotte Christian School has been named to the 2014 N.C. Family-Friendly 50 list of employers by *Charlotte Parent* magazine. For the past 16 years, the publishers have highlighted employers that support and encourage working parents in North Carolina. Please visit [www.charlotteparent.com](http://www.charlotteparent.com) to learn more about the entire list of 2014 N.C. Family-Friendly 50 employers.

**AP SCHOLARS**

Congratulations to the following Charlotte Christian students and recent graduates on earning AP Scholar distinctions. A total of 54 AP honors were earned by students based on AP exams taken in May of 2014. Charlotte Christian offers a total of 21 College Level Courses including both AP and Level 500 Honors selections.

**NATIONAL AP SCHOLARS**

- CONNOR CLAVIN**
- EVAN ECTOR**
- ALLIE SEELIG**

- ANDY SABA**
- MARK SALEH**
- ALEX WATKINS**
- SYDNEY WEAVER**
- NICOLE WIGGINS**

**AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION**

- SHEPPARD BROWN**
- MATT BURT**
- CONNOR CLAVIN**
- COLTER CORISH**
- MEREDITH DIXON**
- EVAN ECTOR**
- JOEY FORBIDUSSI**
- JONAH GILLER**
- CHARISSE HAINES**
- JEANETTE HASSELBERG**
- GAVIN LEARY**
- DALLAS MCCORKLE**
- AKANIMA OKPOKOWURUK**
- TREY PHILLS**
- EMILY SEABORN**
- ALLIE SEELIG**
- JACK WAGNER**
- HARRIS WILSON**

**AP SCHOLARS**

- LILY AUSTIN**
- MILLER BARBOUR**
- WOOD BOONE**
- MARY BRYSON**
- DESTIN CASSIER**
- ADAM DURDEN**
- AMELIA FRITSCH**
- SEAN GALLAGHER**
- HAYDEN GIRARD**
- SYDNEY GOLDSTEIN**
- FAITH HANEGRAAFF**
- LUCY LAMBERT**
- MADDIE MOORE**
- AMARIS NORWOOD**
- THOMAS NATIONS**
- KELSEY PHALEN**
- ANDREW SHEN**
- CHRISTIAN TAYLOR**
- RYAN WEAVER**
- EMMA VANDELVELDE**
- PAYTON WALKER**
- ALEC YOH**
- SARAH YORK**
- AVIVA ZHANG**

**AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR**

- KAYLA DONNALLEY**
- CATHERINE MCCREARY**
- JACK PAYNE**
- KEAGAN PIATEK**

**ATHLETICS**

**NCAA NATIONAL SIGNING DAY**

At Fall NCAA Signing Day Ceremonies held Nov. 18 and Nov. 21, a total of 12 student-athletes signed national letters-of-intent to play at the collegiate level. Congratulations to the following senior athletes:



**JOSH BROADWAY**  
Track & Field  
UNC - Wilmington

**REECE HAMPTON**  
Baseball  
UNC - Charlotte

**THOMAS HODGES**  
Golf  
Appalachian State University

**BAILEY LEWIS**  
Baseball  
The Catholic University of America

**DILLON CARPENTER**  
Baseball  
Anderson University

**MEREDITH HARRIS**  
Softball  
UNC - Charlotte

**ROSS KEMP**  
Baseball  
Spartanburg Methodist College

**TREY PHILLS**  
Basketball  
Yale University

**JOSH HALL**  
Baseball  
Charleston Southern University

**HEATH HAWKINS**  
Baseball  
Furman University

**JACKSON KOWAR**  
Baseball  
Clemson University

**AARON WALKER**  
Golf  
Samford University

**CISAA  
ALL-CONFERENCE  
ATHLETES**

**CHEERLEADING:**  
TAYLOR GRIGG  
MADISON KILLEN  
JULIA LITTLETON  
SUMMER MCCORKLE

**FOOTBALL:**  
BRIAN CHAFFIN  
ELIJAH DEVEAUX  
RYAN GILMARTIN  
DALTON GOUVEIA  
CONNOR MAITLAND  
JAYLON MCCLINTON  
JACKSON VANSICKLE  
PHILIP WALTON  
MATTHEW WEIGEL

**SOCCER:**  
BAILEY LEWIS

**NCISAA ALL-STATE  
ATHLETES**

**FOOTBALL:**  
BRIAN CHAFFIN  
ELIJAH DEVEAUX  
RYAN GILMARTIN  
DALTON GOUVEIA  
CONNOR MAITLAND  
JAYLON MCCLINTON  
PHILIP WALTON  
MATTHEW WEIGEL



**SENIOR SELECTED FOR  
UNDER ARMOUR ALL-AMERICA GAME**

Congratulations to senior varsity football player **BRIAN CHAFFIN** on being selected for the Under Armour All-America game. Representatives from Under Armour and ESPN were on campus Oct. 30 and presented Brian with his All-America jersey during a special athletic assembly. Brian has committed to play at Stanford University next year and is the second player from Charlotte Christian to be selected for the All-America game. Jeb Blazeovich was selected last year and is now playing at the University of Georgia. The All-America game will feature more than 90 of the nation's top seniors and will be played in St. Petersburg, Fla. on Jan. 2, 2015 and broadcast live on ESPN2.



Senior Trey Phills surpassed 1,000 career points with his 23-point outing against Weddington High School on Dec. 2, 2014.

**NEW SCHOOL SWIMMING  
ATHLETIC RECORDS SET**

**RACHEL LEE -**  
in the 100 backstroke (1:01.74)

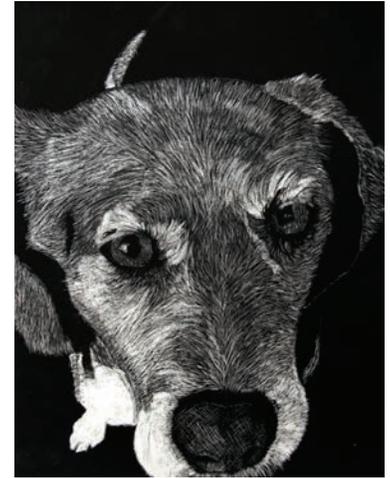
**RACHEL REDMOND -**  
in the 500 freestyle (5:30.32)

**ASHLYNN ARTHUR, RACHEL LEE, RACHEL REDMOND, SARAH REDMOND -**  
in the 400 freestyle relay (3:56.82)

**FINE ARTS**



Senior **BRITTANY FULLER** won the Grand Prize of \$750 at the 29th Annual Matthews ArtFest held Sept. 27-28 in downtown Matthews. Senior **WES SELBY** also won an honorable mention award for his artwork. The Matthews ArtFest is a Fine Art and Master Craft Show that features juried artwork by artists from the community and high school seniors.



**ART IN ACTION DONATES ARTWORK**

The Art in Action Club recently delivered the first of two installments of artwork to Project 658, a Christian mission based ministry that works to restore hope, build trust, show compassion, and provide stability for refugees in Charlotte. The pieces included a large canvas developed during the Worship through Creativity chapel choice and four smaller paintings by club members. The art will hang on the walls of Project 658 with the hope of offering encouragement and spreading the Gospel to the refugees visiting the ministry. Pictured (L-R) with Charlotte Christian students are Eric Bernier, ministry director, and Dustin Swinehart, executive director.

**DISNEY'S ALADDIN, JR.**



A cast of 34 middle school students presented Disney's *Aladdin, Jr.* to full audiences during three shows in October. The classic Disney adventure about a princess, a street beggar, and the magic carpet they ride on was brought to life in the first production of the 2014-15 Performing Arts Season. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew on a fantastic show!

**CARNEGIE HALL**

Congratulations to sophomore **ELIZABETH GOWAN** and junior **AVERY WILLIAMS** on being selected for the prestigious Honors Choir in the 2014 Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. Elizabeth and Avery will travel to New York City in February for rehearsals and their performance at Carnegie Hall. This is the fifth year in a row that Charlotte Christian students have been selected for the honors program.

**SPRING MUSICALS:**

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2014-15

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Charlotte Christian continues to be blessed in so many ways and the Annual Fund is no exception. Halfway through our 2014-15 campaign, we are well on our way to reaching our \$515,000 goal. Through the generosity of Charlotte Christian employees, parents, grandparents, alumni and friends, we continue to raise unrestricted dollars that support the school's operating budget. We graciously thank the families listed who have already made their commitment to the Annual Fund this year. If you have any questions about the Annual Fund or wish to make a gift, please contact Mrs. Sara Blakeney, director of annual giving, at [sara.blakeney@charchrist.com](mailto:sara.blakeney@charchrist.com).

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## CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN ENDOWMENT

Did you know that Charlotte Christian School has an endowment? The Charlotte Christian Endowment exists to help sustain the financial health of our school, assisting with areas such as tuition assistance and faculty development. Gifts to the Charlotte Christian Endowment are invested so that the earnings are utilized. Therefore, the gifts exist in perpetuity and have a lasting impact.

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# CAPITAL PROJECTS

Charlotte Christian was excited to complete the building of the Hendrick Center for Arts and Science in July 2014, prior to the start of this school year. The entire community gathered on Aug. 25, 2014 to dedicate the new building with a ribbon cutting. Participating in the dedication ceremony were lead donors Rick and Linda Hendrick; General Contractor, Rodgers Builders; members of the Charlotte Christian Board of Trustees; donors; students; faculty; and Head of School Barry Giller. Charlotte Christian's entire student body of 1,036 students along with all faculty and staff joined in the celebration of the building's dedication. The building is part of the school's 2020 Strategic Vision Plan and was made possible by the generous gifts of friends and families of the school.



Mr. Barry Giller shared at the Head of School Forum in October that we are working toward several capital improvements that will take place in the summer of 2015. Both the athletic stadium field and the track are near the end of their life span, so we will be replacing those in order to provide a safe and improved surface for our student-athletes. We will also be renovating the Middle School/Upper School Media Center to provide a more updated and collaborative setting.



# Ladies' Luncheon with *Nancy & Writebol*

**Thursday, January 15, 2015  
Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Crown Room, Calvary Church**



Charlotte Christian is hosting a ladies' luncheon this January that will feature American missionary, Charlotte Christian alumni parent and former employee Nancy Writebol. Mrs. Writebol and her husband, David, were serving as missionaries in Liberia when she contracted the Ebola virus. After successfully being treated, she is now sharing her story. Ladies are invited to hear Mrs. Writebol's journey as well as join women from the Charlotte Christian community for lunch and fellowship. The luncheon will take place at noon at Calvary Church in the Crown Room and tickets are \$35 per person (includes lunch). Ladies outside the Charlotte Christian community are welcome to attend as well.



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To register online, please visit [www.charlottechristian.com/nancywritebol](http://www.charlottechristian.com/nancywritebol). Please note the ladies luncheon will be in place of a ladies' spring tennis tournament this year.

For more information on participating or sponsoring either event, please contact Mrs. Sara Blakeney, director of annual giving, at [sara.blakeney@charchrist.com](mailto:sara.blakeney@charchrist.com).





**CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
SPORTING CLAYS  
TOURNAMENT**

This spring Charlotte Christian will host the first Sporting Clays Tournament to benefit the Annual Fund. During the sporting clay shoot, teams of four will compete as they cycle through 15 different shooting stations. In addition to the stations, participants will have the opportunity to bid on items through a silent auction. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well. The tournament will take place at Meadow Wood, a private hunting and clay shooting club located in Lancaster, S.C. Registration for the Sporting Clays Tournament will open in late January 2015. Please note the sporting clay tournament will be in place of a spring golf tournament.



**MAY 1, 2015 • MEADOW WOOD**



CLASS OF 1994 REUNION



## HOMECOMING

Charlotte Christian's Homecoming 2014 was just as high energy as in years past. The student body enjoyed participating in "Reality TV" dress up days for Duck Dynasty, Amazing Race, American Ninja Warrior, Wipe Out and Beauty and the Geek. More than 100 alumni reconnected with old friends and teachers at the alumni tent at the varsity football game. The class of 1994 and 2004 also enjoyed gatherings later that weekend. The Knights football team pulled out a nice win against conference foe, Charlotte Latin, 40-30.



# Class Notes



**2014**

**BOBBY ELISHA** is enjoying his freshman year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. He is majoring in Air Traffic Management and also working on his Private Pilot License.



**BRISA SANDER** ('14) and **CECE WOOTEN** ('14) are pictured with three new college friends from Appalachian State University. They are enjoying a "college girl" weekend in the mountains near Roaring Gap, N.C.

**2013**



**JARED ODENBECK** has earned a starting role Wake Forest's men's soccer team as a holding mid-fielder. He is pictured above after scoring his first college goal this year against The University of Connecticut.

**2012**

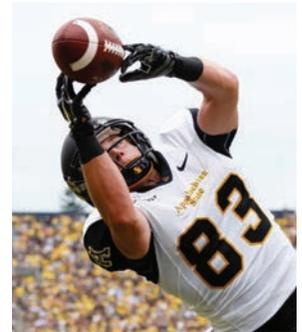
**MICHAEL POTTHAST** is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the Belk School of Business and majoring in Organizational Management. At UNCC, he also has been involved with the school's first football team, several intramural sports teams, Special Olympics, and his fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma-Epsilon Tau. In addition to maintaining a 3.4 GPA, he is interning with IMG sports marketing group and was recently elected president of his fraternity.



**ABBY SEELIG** pictured with Clemson University President Jim Clements and other university tour guides. As a tour guide, she was privileged to be recognized as a student spotlight in the President's Box during a Clemson football game this season. Go Tigers!

**2011**

**SIMMS McELFRESH** had a great year as a wide receiver for the Appalachian State Mountaineers. In the season opener at Michigan, he made an acrobatic TD in the end zone that caught the attention of Peter King of *Sports Illustrated*.



**2010**

**BRITTANY GENDRON** graduated in December 2014 Summa Cum Laude from the Honors College at Western Carolina University with a bachelor's degree in recreational therapy. She will continue on to graduate school to pursue her PhD in physical therapy. This past May Brittany received the SoCon David Knight Post Graduate Scholarship based on Academics, Athletics and Community Service as well as the Charles Schrader Endowment Scholarship from WCU. She was Female Rookie of the Year in 2010 and selected to the All-Freshman All-Conference Team for soccer. Last spring she interned at the Cleveland Clinics Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, SAAC, NCRTA, National Leadership and Success Honors Society, and a certified Personal Fitness Trainer.

**DAVID DURHAM** is a redshirt senior starting defensive end for the University of Pittsburgh. He received his degree in communications last spring and is currently pursuing his graduate degree. David pictured with **KELBY BROWN** ('10) and **KYLER BROWN** ('11) when Pitt hosted Duke University on Nov. 1, 2014. David pictured with **DES LAWRENCE** ('13) after the game versus UNC-Chapel Hill on Nov. 15, 2014.



## Class Notes



**BETHANY MITCHELL** graduated from UNC Wilmington in 2014 and is now a Realtor in North and South Carolina for Keller Williams Realty.

### 2008

**DANIELLE GENDRON** graduated from Oklahoma City University with a BFA in acting in 2012. She is currently on her third National Tour with FoodPlay Productions, an Emmy Award-winning show that brings the power of live theatre, amazing feats of juggling, captivating characters, motivating messages, music, magic and audience participation to kids to encourage healthy eating and active lifestyles. She will be moving back to NYC in 2015 to continue her pursuit of acting.

### 2007

**JASON BURNS** and **ALEXA RICHARDSON** were engaged on Oct. 17, 2014 in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

### 2006

**MEREDITH MIELKE CRENSHAW** played softball at Furman University and graduated in 2010. Upon graduation, she began working in student ministry at Grace Church in Greenville, S.C. On March 23, 2012 she married Chas Crenshaw. Chas is the athletic director for Greer Middle College Charter High School. The couple welcomed a son, Levi Charles, on Aug. 12, 2014 and resides in Greenville.

**RACHEL READING** graduated from Queens University of Charlotte in May 2014 with a B.A. in political science and minor in international studies. In December 2013 she was inducted into the National Political Science Honor Society. She worked on Robert Pittenger's campaign for the 9th congressional House district in 2012 and is currently looking for employment in politics and government.



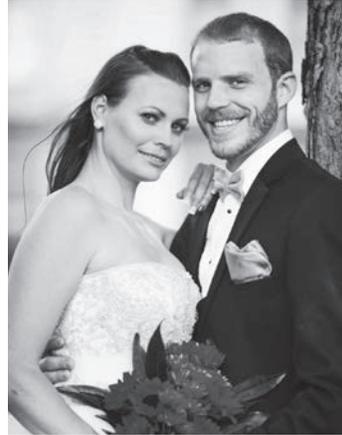
### **KATIE SWICEGOOD**

married Samuel Fulp on Nov. 15, 2014. The couple resides in Raleigh, N.C. where Sam is a CPA and Katie is in media advertising with McKinney Silver. They are both N.C. State alumni. Katie's dearest Charlotte Christian friends were

bridesmaids in her wedding: **LAUREN PATTERSON** ('06), **CAROLINE PLUNKETT** ('06), **MEGHAN STEVENS** ('07), **KATE KUYKENDALL** ('06), and **KELLY COZART** ('06).

### 2005

**MICHAEL BRITTON** graduated from Virginia Tech in 2009. He met his wife, Laura, while in Blacksburg. The couple currently resides in Raleigh. After college graduation, he worked for two years at the American Red Cross, and then three years as a pharmaceutical sales rep. He recently started a job as a sales specialist at Cisco.



### 2004

#### **JOSHUA COLLINS**

married Melissa Thompson on Sunday, April 13, 2014. They own a home in Indian Trail and he is a manager at Bonefish Grill in Huntersville, N.C.

### 2003

**NICOLE SHROPSHIRE CHITTY** and her family moved to Murfreesboro, Tenn. in January 2014 for her husband, Steven, to plant a church called Redeemer Church Murfreesboro. Nicole works at Middle Tennessee State University as director of development for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences. They have a daughter, McKayla Rose, who is 1.5 years old.

### 2002

**PHILLIP W. STOKES** and his wife, Rachel, lived in Amman, Jordan from August 2011 to August 2013 where he became the first non-Jordanian to complete a M.A. in Teaching Arabic as a Second Language at the University of Jordan. He is currently in his second year of the PhD program for Arabic and Semitic Linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin. He teaches a second-year Arabic class for undergraduates at UT. His wife is an ESL instructor at UT as well.

### 2001

**JUSTIN CHIN** recently expanded his company repairing smartphones after starting in landscaping and lawn services. His website is [www.chinassociates.com](http://www.chinassociates.com). Justin is also a lawyer and graduated from Georgia Tech in Industrial Engineering in 2005. His sister **TIFFANY CHIN** ('03) is a graduate of UNC Med School and practicing medicine in Chapel Hill.

**ZAK KAMM** is a 2005 graduate of Appalachian State University and successfully completed the Human Resources Certification Program this past fall from the Continuing Education Center at Central Piedmont Community College.

## Class Notes



**1999**

**BRIAN HETHERINGTON**  
and  
**KATHERINE BAGGOTT**  
**HETHERINGTON**

welcomed their second child, James William, on July 30, 2014.

**IAN REID** is chair of the Global Missions Committee of the West Virginia Western Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He helped lead a delegation of people to meet with their sister synod in Madagascar for the first time since 2000. The group traveled through the southern part of Madagascar and visited several different hospitals, seminaries and churches that are supported by the church. He is also the Bishop of our Synods Delegate and was the keynote speaker at their women conference which was held in Ejeda, Madagascar for more than 1,000 women. He also met with the President of the Lutheran Church of Madagascar. Ian and his wife, Rebecca, are expecting their second child in January of 2015.



**1995**

**DR. ANGELA N. PRATT**

is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies at Clemson University, and teaches in the Sports Communication major. She came to Clemson from Bradley University, where she was an assistant professor in

the Department of Communication for five years, teaching in the Sports Communication concentration. Angela received her doctorate from the College of Communication and Information at the University of Tennessee. She holds an M.A. from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a B.A. in Mass Communication from Campbell University.

Prior to beginning her professional academic career, Angela spent several years working in the sports communication industry, including posts as a sports sales manager for the Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau, assistant director of marketing for the University of Virginia Department of Athletics, public relations director for the Raleigh Capital Express (A-League Pro Soccer), and media relations intern for the Charlotte Hornets (National Basketball Association).

An avid distance runner, Angela is a five-time Boston Marathon qualifier, and has run 16 full marathons, including Boston in 2004 and 2005. Angela married D. Gregory (Greg) Weddle in May 2010. They reside in Greenville, S.C., and enjoy running and traveling together.

**1993**

**MATT OSMAN** was re-elected to serve a second four-year term as a District Court Judge in Mecklenburg County.

**1992**

**GRESHAM HILL** and his wife, Josie, welcome a daughter, Josephine Lucy, on Oct. 19, 2014 into their family. Josephine's big sister, Emerson Grace, is 3 and a half years old and very excited to have her own baby sister. Gresham recently created a software company called Lockeland, LLC that gives away free church apps called SmartChurch (SmartChurch.com). He also runs a management company in Franklin, Tenn. (ReachYourCity.com) that works with author Bob Goff, comedian Michael Jr., speaker David Nasser, and many others.

**1991**

**JASON FOSTER** has been employed with the Charlotte Fire Department since 2000. He is also the owner/operator of Living Green Landscapes.



Members of the Class of 2014 participated in the Together We Feed event and packed backpacks with food and toys for local children in need.



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1. Upper School Windy Gap
2. Middle school students pose for live nativity
3. Academic WorldQuest Team
4. Grade 8 supports Mrs. Culberson
5. Sophomore Carter Bugg Eagle Scout Project
6. Fifth grade students at Hemby Center

7. Gingerbread House Enrichment
8. Homecoming King Jin Huang & Queen Caroline Kasay
9. Middle school media magazine
10. VEX Robotics Club
11. US French Class Pere Noel with JK students
12. JK Nursery Rhyme Olympics



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## 2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2015

- 1-2 New Year's Holiday  
No School
- 5 Classes Resume
- 5-9 US J-Term
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
No School
- 20 Employee In-Service Day  
No School

### FEBRUARY 2015

- 13 Winter Break - No School  
Employee In-Service
- 16 President's Day

### MARCH 2015

- 16-20 Spring Break  
No School

### APRIL 2015

- 3 Good Friday  
No School
- 6 Easter Monday  
No School

### MAY 2015

- 22 US Exam
- 25 Memorial Day  
No School
- 26-28 MS/US Exams
- 28 Last Day of Classes  
(Half-Day)
- 29 Employee In-Service  
No School
- 30 Class of 2015  
Commencement